REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above amendment. No new matter is introduced in the amendment. The changes made to the specification by the current amendment are attached hereto in a page entitled. "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Specification

Paragraph beginning at page 47, line 23 has been amended as follows:

In more detail, Figure 3 is the complete nucleotide sequence (SEQ.ID.NO.1) of the *E. coli galT* gene with the deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ.ID.NO.2) shown below the nucleotide sequence. The primers used for the isolation of the gene by PCR are shown with arrows indicating the 5' to 3' direction.